

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending and under consideration.

A certified translation of Korean Application No. 2003-29087 is submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicants rely upon a filing date of May 7, 2003, the filing date of this priority document. Thus, EP '254 no longer qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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